

these community activities, Mr. Beckett also found time to become a published author, writing two books about faith in the workplace.

For these business and community activities, Mr. Beckett has received numerous accolades. He received an honorary doctor of law degree from both Spring Arbor University in 2002 and also from King's College in 2008. He was also named Christian Businessman of the Year by the Christian Broadcasting Network in 1999 and the Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young in 2003.

Today, he resides in Elyria, OH, with his wife, Wendy, to whom he has been married since 1961.

I am thankful to John D. Beckett for his support of many nonprofit organizations that defend the rights of the unborn and religious freedom. His work in helping establish the Intercessors for America has led to untold numbers of prayers being raised for the pro-life movement. I am pleased to honor his work through that organization as well as his lifetime of service to so many worthy causes.●

TRIBUTE TO PHIL BRYANT

● Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, I am honored to pay tribute to former Governor Phil Bryant of Mississippi. While there are many things for which the Governor deserves praise, today I specifically want to speak about Governor Bryant's stalwart work during his term of office from 2012–2020 to protect and defend the most vulnerable of our society: unborn children.

While running for office, Phil Bryant promised Mississippians that he would work tirelessly as Governor to protect the rights of the unborn. He fulfilled that promise. Throughout two terms in office, Governor Bryant was a driving force behind legislative efforts to protect life in Mississippi.

In April 2012, Governor Bryant signed Mississippi House Bill 1390. This bill required abortion practitioners to be certified as obstetrician-gynecologists and to maintain admitting privileges at a local hospital. Through these requirements, this legislation sought to strengthen abortion regulations and ensure that women receive quality care for any complications following an abortion.

In April 2014, Governor Bryant signed Mississippi House Bill 1400, banning abortions performed after 20 weeks. This legislation cited a plethora of medical evidence, showing that a baby can feel pain at this stage, and that pregnant women are at increased health risks, even death, when undergoing later-term abortion procedures.

Additionally, Governor Bryant signed into law the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act in 2016, banning dismemberment abortions or those involving the practice known as D&E or "dilation and evacuation." Dismemberment is the most prevalent method of second trimester abortion, accounting for 96 per-

cent of all second trimester abortions. With the enactment of this law, Governor Bryant not only banned these violent dismemberment procedures from taking place in the Mississippi, he also prohibited the illegal trafficking of the bodies of aborted babies in Mississippi.

Governor Bryant did not stop there and continued working to keep his promise to make Mississippi "the safest place in America" for unborn babies. In 2018, he signed the Gestational Age Act, which banned abortions after 15 weeks in most cases. It is this law being challenged at the U.S. Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*.

Throughout all of these laws, Governor Bryant maintained steadfast courage and held tightly to his promise to the people of Mississippi to fight continuously to protect the unborn. I love what he once said when groups threatened legal action against our State's pro-life legislation. He said, "We will all answer to the good Lord one day. I will say in this instance, 'I fought for the lives of innocent babies, even under threat of legal action.'"

That is indeed true. When his time comes, Governor Bryant can stand tall before the Lord, having fought the good fight to protect the unborn. And indeed, when the Supreme Court hears oral arguments in the *Dobbs* case on December 1, Governor Bryant can smile in the knowledge that his work was not in vain.

For all these reasons, I call attention to Governor Phil Bryant. He deserves laudable recognition for his 8-year fight to protect and defend the right to life for the unborn babies in the womb, reflecting the character and values of the people of our State, Mississippi.●

TRIBUTE TO BECKY CURRIE

● Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, it is an honor to pay tribute to Representative Becky Currie, a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, who authored the Gestational Age Act. It is this State law that underlies the U.S. Supreme Court's consideration of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* this term.

When the Supreme Court hears oral arguments on *Dobbs* on December 1, 2021, it will hear a defense of the pro-life cause generating from the work of Becky Currie, my friend and my representative. In the Mississippi House, she represents district 92, which covers my hometown of Brookhaven.

Becky's forethought in introducing this bill and shepherding it through the State legislature has led us to the point where the Supreme Court is considering a direct challenge to *Roe v. Wade*. By prohibiting most abortions after 15 weeks, the Gestational Age Act presents directly the question of whether *Roe's* viability standard remains good law.

Becky's background as a nurse, her tenacious personality, and her heart

for the unborn made her the perfect person to sponsor this important bill. She knows how to fight and isn't afraid of criticism. Her stubborn persistence in promoting policies to protect the unborn has made Mississippi a safer place for women and their babies. Through the Supreme Court's consideration of her bill, Becky Currie has the potential to do that for our entire Nation.

As the Supreme Court prepares to hear oral arguments in the *Dobbs* case, we are all indebted to Representative Currie's her courage and tenacity in sponsoring the Gestational Age Act. Praise God for bringing us this far. I also pray that He will continue to work through Representative Currie, using her law to overrule *Roe v. Wade* and make our Nation a safer place for the unborn and their mothers.●

TRIBUTE TO MARK LEE DICKSON

● Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, I rise to pay tribute to Pastor Mark Lee Dickson of Longview, TX, who founded the Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn Initiative in 2019. This innovative organization works to encourage cities and towns to adopt ordinances declaring themselves as Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn.

Under Pastor Dickson's leadership, this grassroots Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn movement has saved many babies throughout the Nation in 41 towns and cities that have adopted these ordinances.

This is not the only way that Pastor Dickson has dedicated himself to championing the pro-life movement. He also serves as the director of Grassroots for Right to Life of East Texas and as the senior pastor of Sovereign Love Church in Longview.

Across our Nation, pro-life citizens of all ages and backgrounds represent the backbone of the grassroots movement to protect the unborn. Individuals like Pastor Dickson who take it on themselves to help promote life and prevent abortion in their own communities drive the passion in this movement.

The Pastor Dickson and millions of other Americans have kept this issue salient for our political discourse and has led us to the place where the U.S. Supreme Court will be reconsidering its misguided abortion jurisprudence established by *Roe v. Wade* when it takes up a challenge to a Mississippi law banning most abortions after 15 weeks gestation. In *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the stage is set for the potential overturning of *Roe* and returning the issue of abortion to the States.

I pray for Pastor Dickson and that God would raise up more like him. Pastor Dickson's example shows that the courage of one person can make a difference.●

TRIBUTE TO LYNN FITCH

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, I rise to pay tribute to Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch.

My State has much to be proud of in Attorney General Fitch as the first Republican to hold this office in almost 150 years and as Mississippi's first female attorney general ever.

Specifically today, I rise to honor her for her unwavering fight to defend Mississippi's pro-life laws. Attorney General Fitch is representing the State of Mississippi in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* at the U.S. Supreme Court this term. This case is the most anticipated abortion case to reach the Court since *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* in 1992, nearly 30 years ago.

In the *Dobbs* case, Attorney General Fitch is defending a challenge to Mississippi House bill 1510, the Gestational Age Act Enacted in 2018, this legislation bans most abortions after 15 weeks gestation. By consistently defending this law all the way up to the Supreme Court, Attorney General Fitch has set the stage for the Court to consider overturning *Roe v. Wade* and return the issue of abortion to the States.

The *Dobbs* case presents the strongest challenge to *Roe* in our lifetime. It is encouraging that the Supreme Court, with its first conservative majority in many years, will hear arguments on the merits of this Mississippi law. I am so proud that our female Mississippi Attorney General will be in the courtroom to defend our law in this case.

In arguing for the Court to reconsider *Roe* in the State's brief in the case, Attorney General Fitch said, "There are those who would like to believe that *Roe v. Wade* settled the issue of abortion once and for all. But all it did was establish a special-rules regime for abortion jurisprudence that has left these cases out of step with other Court decisions and neutral principles of law applied by the Court. As a result, state legislatures, and the people they represent, have lacked clarity in passing laws to protect legitimate public interests, and artificial guideposts have stunted important public debate on how we, as a society, care for the dignity of women and their children."

I wholeheartedly agree. The unlimited-abortion regime created by the *Roe* decision was wrong when it was handed down, and it is wrong now. It is bad for the unborn, and it is bad for women. I hope the Supreme Court recognizes that when it hears oral arguments in the *Dobbs* case on December 1.

I am confident Attorney General Fitch will make our State proud by steadfastly defending Mississippi's law to protect unborn Mississippians are proud to have this champion for life representing our State in this landmark case. I am praying for General Fitch and for her staff as they prepare to continue the fight to defend life before the highest court in the land.●

RECOGNIZING INTERNS

• Ms. ROSEN. Madam President, I am proud to host a number of interns from Nevada in my office, all of whom have contributed greatly to my work in the U.S. Senate. I know I speak for my colleagues as well when I say that many of our interns have enjoyed and benefited from a wonderful program operated by the Stennis Center for Public Service. This program is designed to enhance the internship experience for exceptional future leaders, giving young Americans an inside look at how Congress works and an opportunity to learn from bipartisan senior staffers and foster bipartisan relationships that will carry some of them through their career supporting Congress.

Stennis interns are selected based on their employment experience, college course load, and future service to Congress. This fall, 32 interns were chosen to be a part of this prestigious experience. These interns serve us on both sides of the aisle, working for Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate, including one exceptional intern in my office who was awarded this opportunity: Natalie Gilbert of Las Vegas, NV.

Natalie is an impressive young Nevadan, having earned the distinguished honors of State of Nevada Mock Trial Outstanding Attorney and National Merit Commended Scholar in 2020. Before interning with my office, she interned with the Clark County District Attorney's Office in the homicide and domestic violence departments and worked directly with their victim advocacy program. Surpassing over 100 hours of volunteer service, Natalie has been an invaluable member of our Las Vegas community. I am proud to recognize Natalie and her incredible efforts. I wish her only the best as she continues to pursue her studies in political economy and justice and peace studies at Georgetown University.

In addition to Natalie, I would like to congratulate all of the Stennis interns on their completion of this exceptional program. I also thank the Stennis Center and their senior Fellows for providing a meaningful experience and fostering bipartisan work.

I ask that the names of the 2021 Fall Stennis congressional interns and the offices in which they work be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

Delanie Blubaugh, LaVale, MD, U.S. Representative David Trone; Sameer Chhetri, Philadelphia, PA, U.S. Representative Lois Frankel; Alexandra Dorotinsky, Damascus, MD, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen; Adam Duffy, Washington, DC, House Committee on Rules; Drew Ficociello, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Cindy Axne; Rukmini Ganesh, Bowling Green, KY, House Committee on Education and Labor.

Natalie Gilbert, Las Vegas, NV, U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen; Ava Goble, Hilo, HI, U.S. Representative Kaiuli Kahale; Diana Grechukhina, Ocean City, MD, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen; Kathleen Griffith, Washington, DC, Senate Special Committee on Aging; Kendall Groza, Washington, DC, U.S.

Representative Billy Long; Amanda Guillard, Washington, DC, House Committee on the Judiciary.

Kylie Harlan, Bells, TX, U.S. Representative Kevin Brady; Victoria Izaguirre, Spring Branch, TX, U.S. Representative Randy Weber; Niklas Kleinworth, Washington, DC, U.S. Senator James Risch; Catherine Lawson, Arlington, VA, U.S. Representative Kevin Brady; Haley Ledford, Fort Dodge, IA, U.S. Representative Randy Feenstra; Laura Ludwig, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Jimmy Panetta.

Sophie Mittelstaedt, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Marilyn Strickland; Jennifer Rivera-Galindo, Miami, FL, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Jeremy Rodriguez-Melendez, Hormigueros, PR, U.S. Representative Don Young; Owen Rosenberg, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Andrew Garbarino; Caroline Rykard, Midway, GA, U.S. Representative Buddy Carter; Natalie Salazar, Houston, TX, U.S. Representative Sylvia Garcia.

Ethan Sanders, Bartlesville, OK, U.S. Representative Lizzie Fletcher; Ben Savercool, Washington, DC, House Committee on Appropriations; Alexandra Schindewolf, Woodbine, NJ, U.S. Representative Ken Buck; Alexander Siegal, Longboat Key, FL, U.S. Representative Charlie Crist; Jaydn Smith, Washington, DC, U.S. Senator Deb Fischer; Sydney Smith, Washington, DC, U.S. Representative Mondaire Jones.

McKayla Steineke, Boston, MA, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Jessie Xu, West Hartford, CT, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.●

TRIBUTE TO MAHAM SHAH

• Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Maham Shah, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Maham is a recent graduate of Baylor University in Waco, TX, having earned degrees in psychology and political science. This spring, Maham plans to continue serving the American people by working on Capitol Hill. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Maham for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DESTINY WENGER

• Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Destiny Wenger, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Destiny is a graduate of Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock High School in Hazelton, ND. Currently, she is attending Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Destiny for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●